

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 17 April 2012

Call to Order: Following a meal, presentation of the new Chapter flag and playing of the National Anthem, Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1900 hours on 17 April 2012 at the *Coffee House* in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, Charles Knapp, Ken Lynn, Ron Schuette, Lee Eldreth, Jerry Lafferty, Louis Burge, Dan Strickland, Karen Strickland, Bill Horner, Lee Holmes, Bruce Huester, Ron Wilsbach, Tim Fuller, Marj Fuller, Linda Marsh, Betty Schuette (member-spouse/auxiliary /spouse chair), Lee Lafferty (members-spouse), Joan Horner (member-spouse) Monica Madden-Lynn (member-spouse) Cathy Ehrhardt (member-spouse).

Old/Unfinished Business:

Old Business: Doug reviewed the work of the Board of Directors who met immediately prior to the general membership meeting (see the Board meeting minutes same date for a summary).

New Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$2,238.35 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$7,831.96. Doug and Ken will meet with the Chapter accountant on 24 April to get help with filing IRS Form 990 for the Sears Scholarship Fund non-profit.

May Program: Doug announced that the Blue Star Mothers would be providing a speaker for the May program.

Fundraising Opportunities: Doug is looking for volunteers to assist with the Blue Ridge Marathon on 5 May. Volunteers are needed to man the water/food tables and the event sponsors will, in turn, donate money to our Chapter based on the number of volunteers participating. Linda Marsh also put forward a proposal to raise money for the Sears Scholarship Fund: a Memorial walk and potluck picnic to be held in the fall. Participants would pay a small fee to participate and the Scholarship Committee will begin meeting soon to start planning.

E-newsletter: Doug discussed the intent and purpose for the newly created e-newsletter to serve as a quick means of notification to members in-between releases of the print newsletter.

RADM-Ret Sears Interment: The interment will be held on 15 June at the Arlington National Cemetery...time TBD.

JROTC Leadership Awards: Letters have been sent to both the Ashe County and Wilkesboro County JROTC high school principals requesting awardee nominations and requesting we present the awards as part of the school awards program.

Chapter Dues Special Designation: Doug presented the idea of providing a special recognition to members who pay their Chapter Dues 5 years in advance. (One of our members has already done so.)

Guest Speaker: Brett Butler, representing *Honey Hole of the Blue Ridge*, gave a tremendous presentation on beekeeping.

Other Business:

50/50 Raffle: Bruce Huester was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 2045 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President